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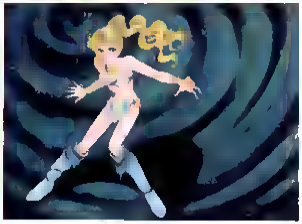
●作品紹介

鬼門復活を目指す高雄（玄武）に捕らえられた蒼子。彼は人間と鬼を入れ替え、街をのっとろうと企んでいた。そのためには蒼子の特殊能力が必要だというが!?



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いままでのあらすじ

高校生の蒼子は転校初日から身辺に不気味なことが起こり始め、謎の男につけねらわれる。

その男は"西家の白虎"彬と名のり、鬼門の長である"東家の蒼龍"蒼子を殺すのが使命だと言う。自分が人食い鬼の"蒼龍"であることが信じられない蒼子だったが、西家一族に追いつめられるうちに本当の姿を現し、人間を食ってしまう。

その事実にショックを受けた蒼子は、西園寺本家にある"西園寺文書"に自分の過去が記されていることを知り、彬と共に、真実を知るための旅に出る。

蒼子と彬は西園寺の本拠地、鬼無里に着き、文書が収められている社の地下に"白虎"のミイラを発見した。

"白虎"のミイラは、次のような事実を明かした。西家はもともと鬼門の一族であること。鬼門にはほかに"朱雀"を長とする南家と"玄武"を長とする北家があること。その昔、鬼門最後の長であった女王、羅喉が滅びる時に髪を残し、その髪から幾人もの羅喉がよみがえること。そして、西家の者は、他家の者と交わることによって、相手の能力を消してしまうこと……。

事実を知った蒼子たちの前に、蒼子の力を消させないために現れたのは、北家の"玄武"である高雄だった…!!

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登場人物紹介

彬

西家以外の鬼の能力を消すことができる。

西家の"白虎"

高雄

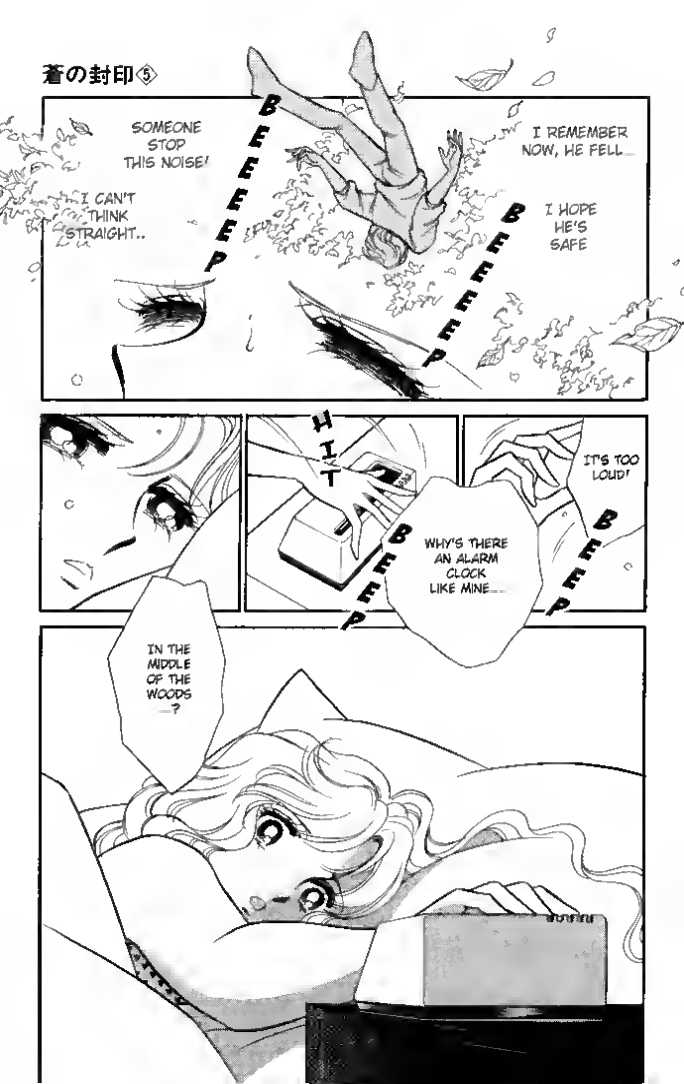
蒼子の能力を使って、鬼門を復活させようとたくらむ。

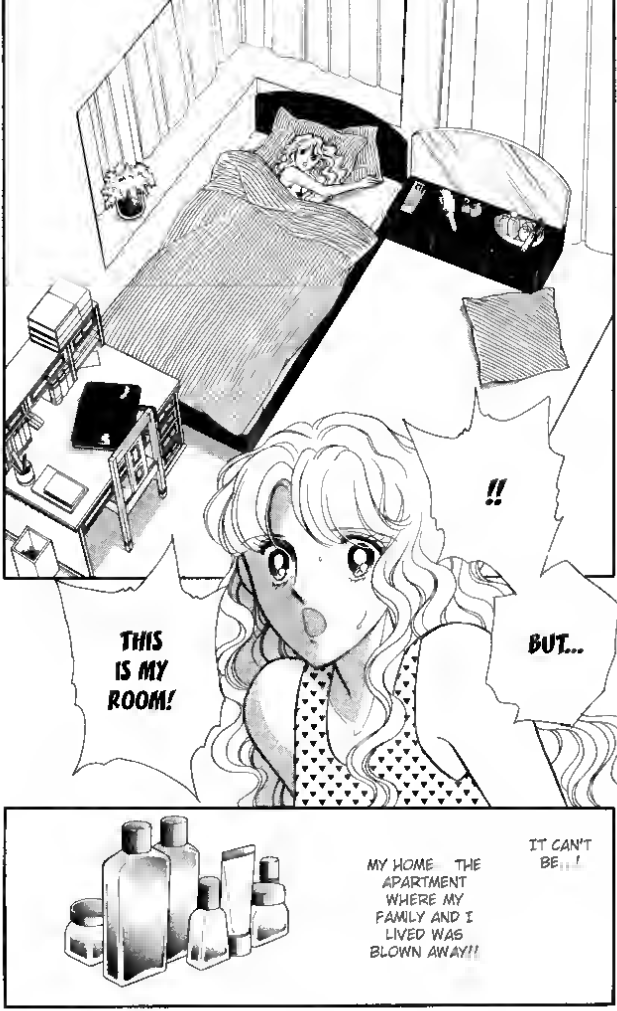
北家の"玄武"

◀桐生蒼子

人食い鬼の一族、"鬼門"の長。普通の高校生になりたいと願うが——。

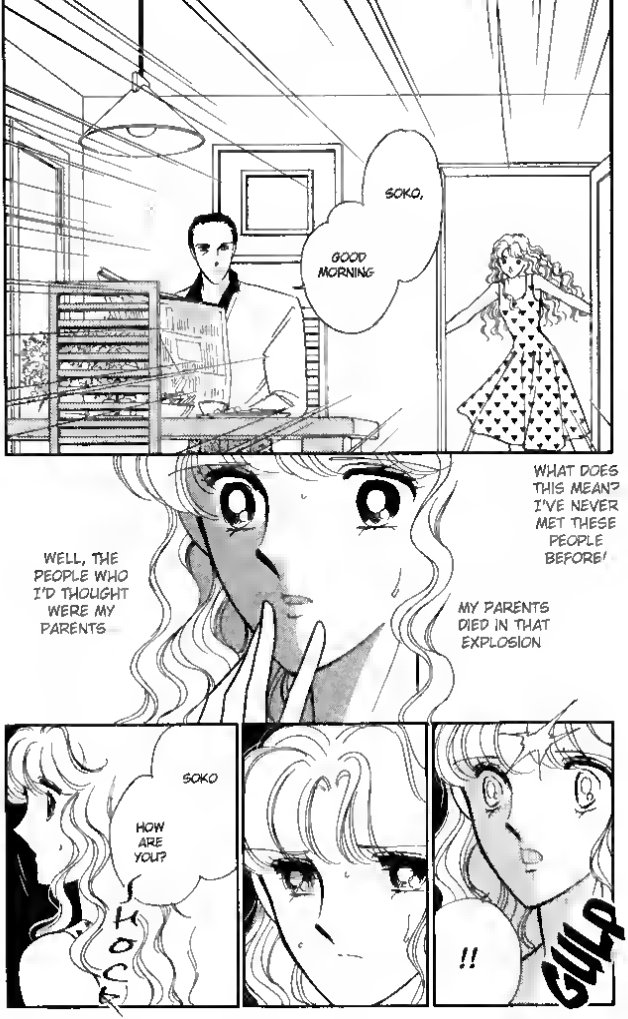
BEEEEEP
MY ALARM CLOCK
BEEEEEP
BEEEEEP
WHERE'S AKIRA?
BEEEEEP
I DON'T REMEMBER
I CAN'T OPEN MY EYES..
BEEEEEP


SOMEONE STOP THIS NOISE!
I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT..
BEEEEP
I REMEMBER NOW, HE FELL...
I HOPE HE'S SAFE
BEEEEEP
HIT
BEEP
WHY'S THERE AN ALARM CLOCK LIKE MINE...
IT'S TOO LOUD!
BEEP
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WOODS —?


!!
THIS IS MY ROOM!
BUT...
IT CAN'T BE...!
MY HOME... THE APARTMENT WHERE MY FAMILY AND I LIVED WAS BLOWN AWAY!!

!!
SLIDE
THIS NEW ROOM WAS PREPARED FOR ME ---
IT'S MY HOME!
SOMEONE MUST'VE BROUGHT ME HERE LAST NIGHT!
SOKO, ARE YOU UP?

WHO'S SHE...?
SMILE
SMILE
SMILE
I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A WHILE, SO IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE THE MOTHER.
YOU'RE UP EARLY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S SUNDAY. WHY DON'T YOU HELP ME CLEAN UP THE HOUSE?
MOTHER?
DAD'S HAVING BREAK-FAST
TAKE CARE OF HIM
WH
WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T KNOW THEM!
DAD?
DASH


SOKO,
GOOD MORNING
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? I'VE NEVER MET THESE PEOPLE BEFORE!
WELL, THE PEOPLE WHO I'D THOUGHT WERE MY PARENTS
MY PARENTS DIED IN THAT EXPLOSION
SOKO
HOW ARE YOU?
KOCL
!!
GULP

BROTHER!
NO
YOU'RE TAKAO OF GENBU.
IS THIS THE NEW FAMILY YOU CHOSE FOR ME?
YES...
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, I CAN SWITCH THEM.
Sksh, follow me...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHY DID YOU BRING ME TO THIS CITY AGAIN?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO HERE?!

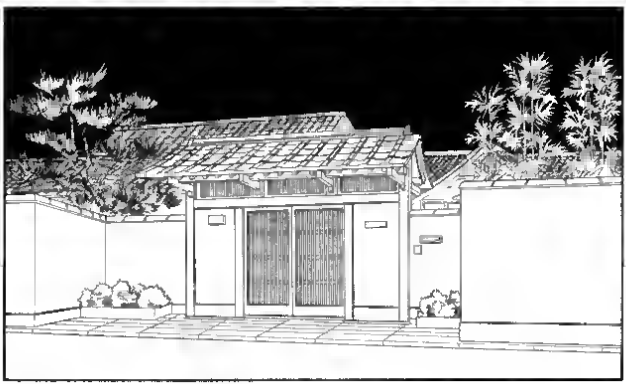
OUR FIRST GO— IS THIS CITY.
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION
THIS IS A NEW CITY. NEW BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND CONDOS
WE'LL REPLACE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE —
WHAT?
WITH PEOPLE FROM THE KIMON!

WE CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
NO, WE CAN'T!
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE!
ME?! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?!
SURE WE CAN ..
AND YOU WILL
REPLACE
WE'LL REPLACE THE HUMANS WITH ..
I WANT TO BE A HUMAN BEING! I WON'T HAVE ANY PART OF THIS!
....!!
NO! DON'T SAY IT! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW!

DASH
LET GO OF ME! I'M GOING TO AKIRA!
SHUT
WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OH... I WONDER IF HE'S ALIVE...?
WHAT?
!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
HE'S ALIVE!
THAT FALL WOULDN'T KILL HIM!

YOU CAN'T MOVE, CAN YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY
I FEEL SICK
I'M THIRSTY AND MY STOMACH HURTS
WE'LL START WORKING WHEN YOU'RE SATIATED...
YOU'LL BE FED WITH YOUNG HEALTHY PEOPLE
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO EAT!
THIS IS...!
FALL

NOOOOOOOO!
EVEN IF YOU DENY IT,
YOU'RE AN ONI, WITH ALL OF AN ONI'S NEEDS...
WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM ME?!



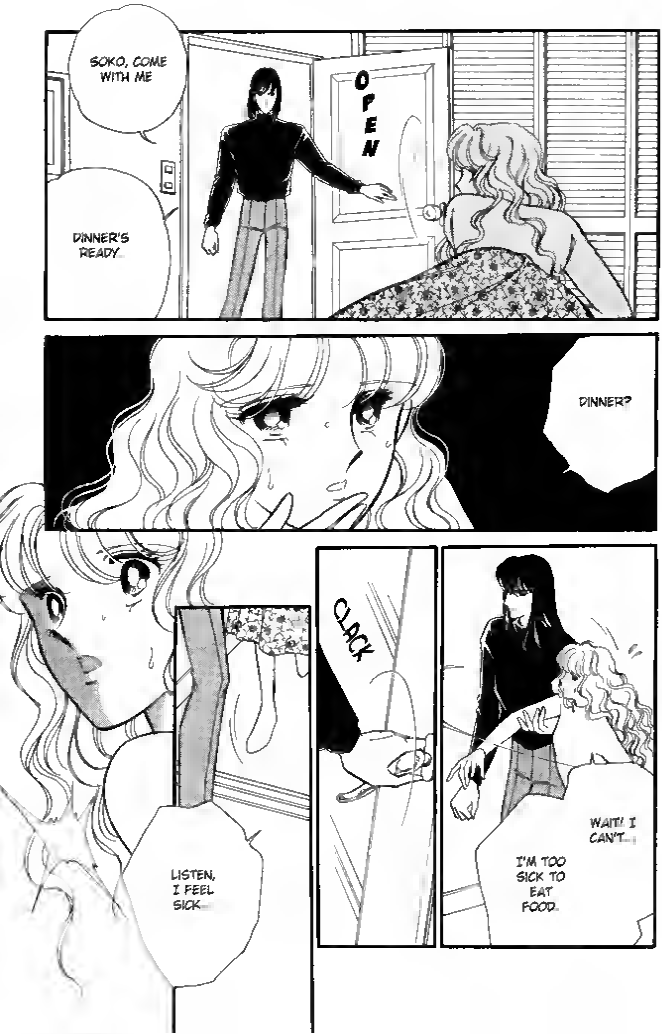
SAIONJI
MR. AKIRA!!
MR. AKIRA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M GOING OUT, GIVE ME MY CLOTHES
DON'T BE SILLY! THE DOCTOR SAID YOU NEED SOME REST!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
JUST GIVE ME MY CLOTHES
WINCE
ARGH!!
YOU CAN'T GO OUT LIKE THIS, AKIRA
AND YOU HAVE A CONCUSSION.
NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE 3 BROKEN RIBS, BUT YOUR RIGHT ARM IS BROKEN AS WELL.

YOU SHOULD GIVE US CREDIT ALSO. WHAT HAPPENED AT THE HOTEL HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.
YOU SHOULD JUST ACCEPT OUR HELP.
WE SEARCHED SHINSU AND WERE ABLE TO FIND YOU.
YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
THIS IS WHY YOU NEED TO HEAL...
BUT WITH GENBU AND SOURYO BANDED TOGETHER, WE'LL NEED BYAKKO'S POWER.
NOW THEY'RE LIVING WHERE THEY USED TO, AND AS SOON AS WE CAN, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM AS WELL...
TAKAO KIRYU IS GENBU? I DIDN'T THINK THAT THE NORTHERN BLOOD WAS STILL ALIVE

I HOPE SO
YES
THESE WOUNDS WILL HEAL SOON
SLIDE
SOKO MUST BE MINE.
I SWEAR, I'LL BE BETTER IN NO TIME
BEFORE TAKAO RESTORES THE KIMON, OR BEFORE MY UNCLE DOES SOMETHING TO SOKO...

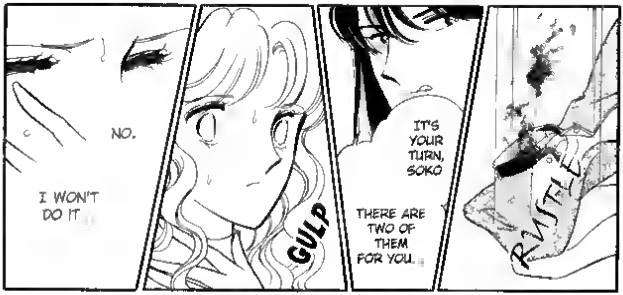
I'M SICK,
I'M SO HUNGRY...
HELP ME!
MY BODY CRAVES HUMAN LIFE!


SOKO, COME WITH ME
DINNER'S READY
OPEN
DINNER?
CLACK
LISTEN, I FEEL SICK
WAIT! I CAN'T...
I'M TOO SICK TO EAT FOOD.

WHAT IS THIS?
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ...?!
TAKAO, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
SOKO, UNTIE US!
I TOLD YOU, DINNER'S READY.

TAKAO!
GRAB
I'LL GO FIRST
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GRAB
ARGH!
SHUDDER
SWISH
AHHH!!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
ARGH!
AN... ONI?!
RATTLE
RATTLE
HUMAN LIFE.
I SMELL...
IT'S A SWEET, HYPNOTIC SCENT.

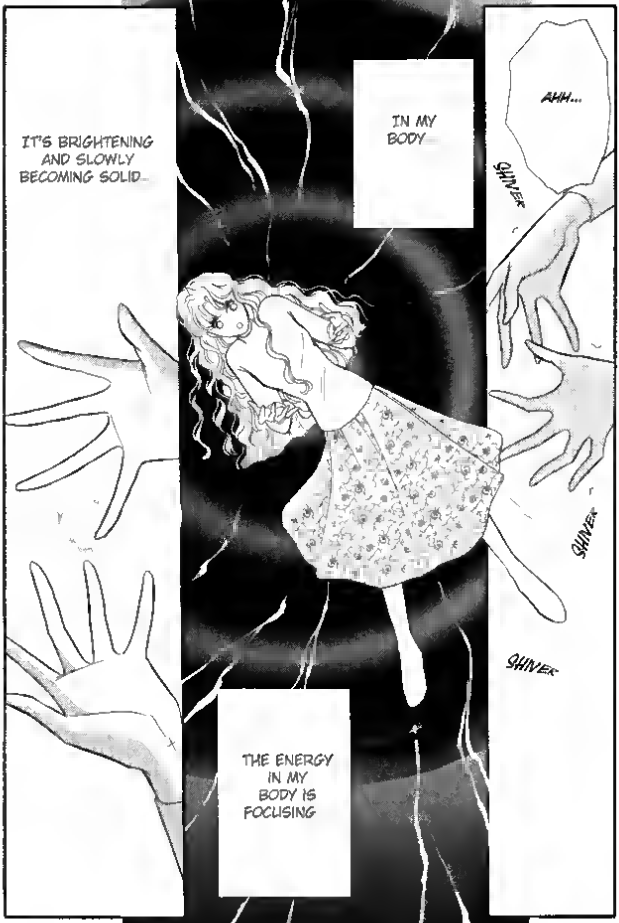

NO.
I WON'T DO IT.
GULP
IT'S YOUR TURN, SOKO
THERE ARE TWO OF THEM FOR YOU.
RUSTLE

AH!
GRAB
SMILE

AH...
WHOOOOOOOOSHHH
I FEEL IT THROUGH MY BODY, THE ENERGY... FROM MY FEET TO MY HEAD, IT FEELS SO GOOD!

オレハマケナイ
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
シャーン
TAKAO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
REMEMBER, THE FAMILY OF THE EAST'S POWER
WHAT?!

REMEMBER IT!
REMEMBER THE POWER TO RAISE US AGAIN...
THE POWER TO RAISE OUR PEOPLE...
THE SPECIAL POWER OF THE FAMILY OF THE EAST
"REMEMBER!"
WOBBLE


IT'S BRIGHTENING AND SLOWLY BECOMING SOLID...
IN MY BODY...
AHH...
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
THE ENERGY IN MY BODY IS FOCUSING

TREMBLE
AHHHHH!

THE ENERGY BECAME A BLUE SPHERE?!

SMILE
THEY CALL IT "THE BLUE SOUL"

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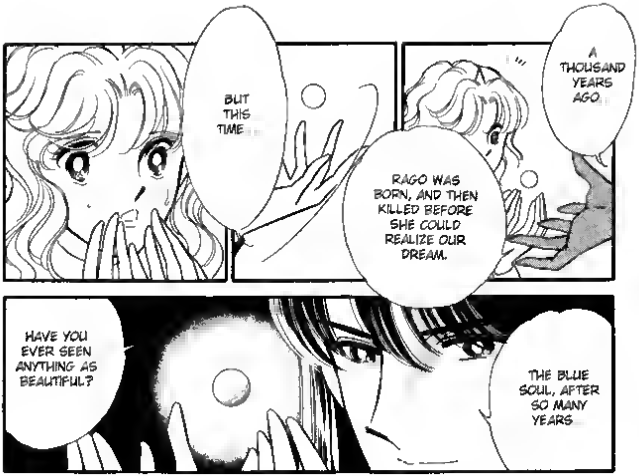
A BLUE SPHERE ..?!
THE LIFE ENERGY OF A HUMAN SOLIDIFIED AND TURNED INTO...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN DO THIS THAT YOU'RE THE KIMON'S QUEEN.

I'M THE KIMON'S QUEEN...
BECAUSE OF THIS POWER?
YES
IN ANCIENT TIMES, WHEN OUR KIND RULED THE WORLD, WE WERE ALWAYS FACED WITH EXTINCTION...
BUT THANKS TO THIS SPHERE, THE BLUE SOUL, WE WERE ABLE TO SURVIVE...


A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
RAGO WAS BORN, AND THEN KILLED BEFORE SHE COULD REALIZE OUR DREAM.
BUT THIS TIME...
THE BLUE SOUL, AFTER SO MANY YEARS...
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING AS BEAUTIFUL?

SOKO...
GRAB
?!
LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKAO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M SIMPLY MAKING HIM SWALLOW IT
WHAT?
GRAB
NO...!

PRESS
STOP!
DON'T INTER-FERE!
FLINCH
WAIT!
ARGH!
HOW..
HE'S MAKING HIM SWALLOW IT.

PUSH

COUGH
COUGH
WHAT WAS THAT?!
JOLT
?!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
AARGHHH!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
WHAT IS THIS ..?!

HE WON'T DIE LOOK AT HIM.
TAKAO,
CALL A DOCTOR! HE'S IN PAIN!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
AHHHH!
HOW IS HE THAT STRONG...?!
HE TORE THE ROPE...
DEAR?!
!!

UHHH...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
UGH..
UGH...
UGH ..
WHAT
GRRRR

SMILE
ARGH ...!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
AN ONI?!
AHHH!
JUST BECAME AN ONI?!
SHUDDER
A MAN...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER

MY MISTRESS
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK OF ME
JOLT
HUFF
HUFF
!!
HE TURNED INTO A KIMONI!

THIS IS MY POWER
HE'S THE FIRST
THUMP
SLIDE
TO EAT HUMANS AND TURN THEIR LIFE ENERGY INTO A BLUE SPHERE, SO THAT YET ANOTHER HUMAN C N BECOME AN ONI...

!!
NOW DO THE SAME WITH THE WOMAN
AND LET HER JOIN HER HUSBAND
NO! I DON'T WANT TO!
I SWEAR, I'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!
AH!
THIS IS MY POWER!!
SHOCK

NO!
I DON'T WANT TO TURN ANYONE INTO A KIMON! I DON'T WANT TO BE THE CAUSE OF SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE!
SOKO,
DEVOUR THAT WOMAN, AND TURN YOUR MOTHER INTO AN ON!
NO!
THUMP
GRAB
YOU'RE SOURYO, SOKO
REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
EMBRACE YOUR DESTINY

HIS VOICE
IS EMBRACING MY MIND AND WINDING DOWN MY BODY
MY FINGERS, MY THROAT
MY ENTIRE BEING LONGS TO TASTE THE SWEET HUMAN ENERGY
TAKAO'S VOICE...
DON'T YOU WANT THE ENERGY, SOKO?
YOU CAN'T RESIST.
YOU'RE SOURYO.
REMEMBER.
DON'T MAKE ME!!
DON'T MAKE ME...

POP
ARGH!!
SFX: GRAB
NOOO!!

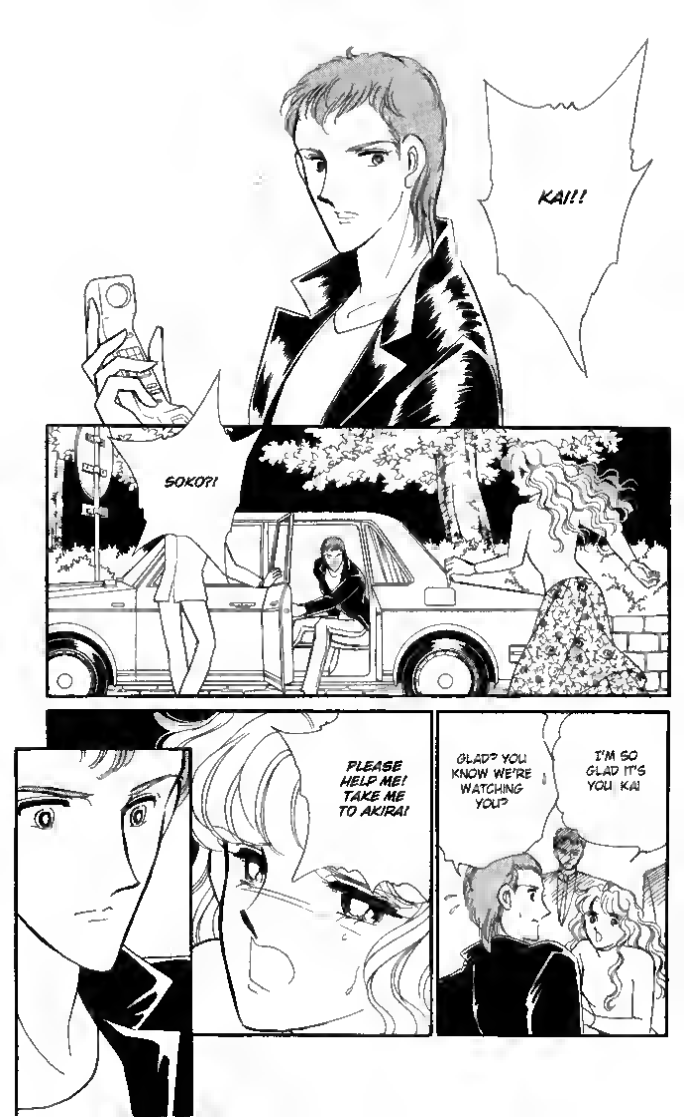
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT...
HSOOSH
GRUMBLE
UGH...
IT'S DISGUSTING!
FLARE
I CAN'T!
MY BODY NEEDS THE ENERGY, I CAN'T RESIST TAKAO'S VOICE.
NO!!
SWALLOW IT.

!!
MY MISTRESS SOURYO,
I'M UNDER YOUR COMMAND...
WHY NOT THE YOUNG COUPLE THAT'S LIVING NEXT DOOR?
I WONDER, WHO SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CLAN?
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT.
NO...
THEN LET'S HUNT THEM DOWN.
THOSE TWO ARE GOOD,
THEY LOOK HEALTHY

BRING US SOME FROM OUT IN THE CITY.
UNTIL THERE ARE ENOUGH OF US, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE US
NO!!
SLAM
SOKO!!

YES SIR!
GO AND BRING HER BACK!
NO...
IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN LIVE, THEN I DON'T WANT TO LIVE!
AKIRA, HELP ME!
SOMEONE IS WATCHING ...?!
HALT

BUT WHERE?
ONE OF THEM IS HERE, I'M SURE OF IT
SHOT
THE FAMILY OF THE WEST IS WATCHING ME!
IN THE BUSHES...
BEHIND THAT WALL,
WHOOSH
JUMP
WHO'S IN CHARGE RIGHT NOW?!
WHAT?!
TAKE ME TO HIM!
AHHH! SOURYO!!


KAI!!
SOKO?!
I'M SO GLAD IT'S YOU KAI
GLAD? YOU KNOW WE'RE WATCHING YOU?
PLEASE HELP ME! TAKE ME TO AKIRA!

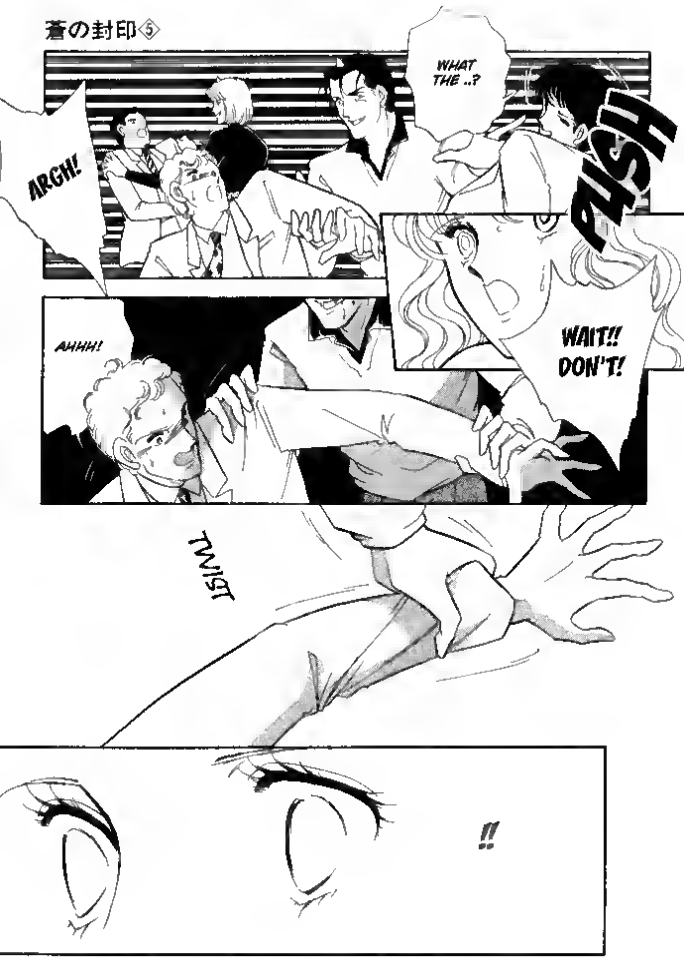
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
I'M SO SORRY!
HE HAS A CONCUSSION AND A COUPLE OF BROKEN BONES. HE'S AT HOME RESTING.
BUT PLEASE, TAKE ME TO HIM!
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM!
I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!
AGAIN
YOU DID SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE, DIDN'T YOU?

JOLT
RUSTLE
THAT'S HER!
YOU HAVE TO COME WITH US!
SOURYO!

THERE WERE OTHER ONI BESIDES GENBU!?!
NO
WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THE PLACE AND THERE WEREN'T ANY OTHERS...
IT'S YOU!!
YOU'RE RESURRECTING THE KIMON!!
WHO ARE THEY?!
ONI?!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY MYSELF,
AND I'M BEING FORCED TO TURN MEN INTO ONI!
THAT'S WHY...
I HAVE TO SEE AKIRA!!
SOKO, THIS WAY...
COME WITH ME!
OH GOD ...
MEN INTO ONI...
YES!
GET THOSE TWO,
AND BRING THEM WITH US.
I WONDER IF YOU CAN.

TAKAO!!
GO AHEAD
AND EAT THEM.
GRAB
ARGH!!
WHAT?!
THE GUY THAT TURNED INTO AN ON! DRAINS ENERGY JUST LIKE TAKAO AND I DO?!


WHAT THE ..?
PUSH
ARGH!
WAIT!! DON'T!
AHHH!
TWIST
!!

ARRGH!!
CRACK CRACK
OPEN
drip
drip

THEY DON'T DEVOUR ENERGY, THEY EAT FLESH!!
BITE

CRUNCH!

GNAW

GNAW

SNAP

CRUNCH!

BITE

BITE

LICK

CRUNCH!

CRUNCH!

THUD
BY EAT THEM...
IF YOU'RE NOT AS STRONG YOU NEED TO EAT LIKE THEY DO
TO DEVOUR A HUMAN AND TRANSFORM THEM INTO ENERGY YOU NEED SUPERIOR POWERS
HE MEANS.. EAT THEIR FLESH .

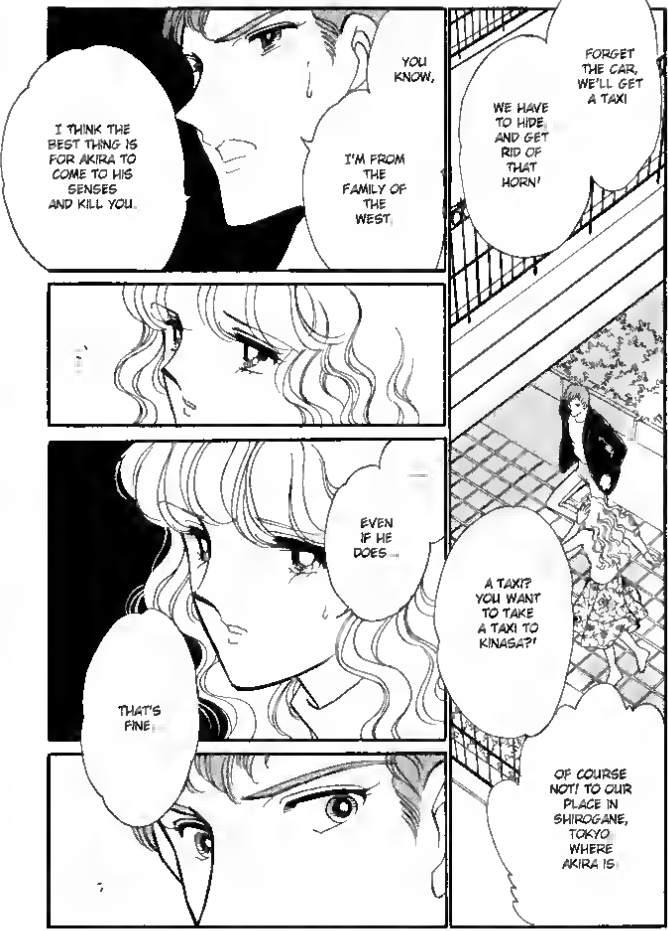
UNTIL NOW...
I DIDN'T REALLY UNDER-STAND..
WHAT EATING A HUMAN MEANT, AND HOW DISGUSTING IT IS.

CLATTER
CLACK
!!
OKAY.
CLEAN EVERYTHING UP WHEN YOU'RE DONE,
OR PEOPLE WILL GET SCARED.
SURE
IF YOU'RE STILL HUNGRY, GO AND EAT SOMEBODY ELSE
ARGH!
YOU CAN'T!

B
DON'T EAT HUMANS!
DON'T DO IT!
AH!!
GRAB
THIS IS WHO WE ARE, SOKO
YOU NEED TO GET THAT THROUGH YOUR HEAD!
KAI!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO AKIRA.
YOU CAN'T RAISE ANY MORE ON!

CATCH THOSE TWO THAT'RE RUNNING AWAY.
HOW DARE THEY THINK THEY CAN ESCAPE!
GET IN THE CAR!
WHOOSH
VOOM
AH!

STOP BEING A SPOILED BRAT AND COME WITH ME
LAND
TAKAO!
THIS WAY!
A CAR PHONE?
RING
RING
RING


FORGET THE CAR, WE'LL GET A TAXI
WE HAVE TO HIDE AND GET RID OF THAT HORN!
YOU KNOW,
I'M FROM THE FAMILY OF THE WEST
I THINK THE BEST THING IS FOR AKIRA TO COME TO HIS SENSES AND KILL YOU.
A TAXI? YOU WANT TO TAKE A TAXI TO KINASA?!
OF COURSE NOT! TO OUR PLACE IN SHIROGANE, TOKYO WHERE AKIRA IS
EVEN IF HE DOES...
THAT'S FINE.

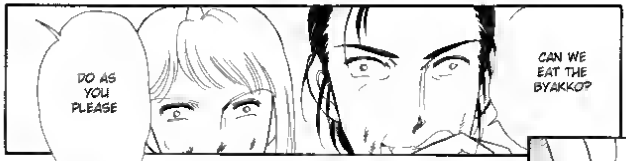
EITHER HE KILLS ME OR HE ACCEPTS ME...
I'M FINE WITH WHATEVER AKIRA DECIDED
I JUST WANT TO SEE HIM...
WHEN I WAS SCARED...
I JUST WANTED TO SEE AKIRA
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE I THOUGHT ABOUT.

THE GUARDS DIDN'T NOTICE HIM...
YES, IT SEEMS HE SNUCK OUT.
AKIRA IS COMING HERE?!
HE TOOK A CAR, SO HE'LL BE THERE SOON.
I'LL BE SURE TO.
HE HASN'T HEALED YET, SO MR. SHINOBU DOESN'T WANT HIM TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH SOURYO OR GENBU.
PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO KAI.

I WON'T ALLOW HIM TO SEE SOURYO
BZZZZ
OF COURSE
SNAP
SCREEECH
CLACK

DAMN IT, KAI, WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER THE PHONE?
HE SHOULD'VE LEFT SOMEONE TO ANSWER IT. IN CASE SOMEONE CALLED...
OH. HE REALLY DID COME
IT'S AMAZING HE CAN STAND WITH THOSE WOUNDS. THE HEIR TO THE BYAKKO NAME IS REALLY STRONG

CRUNCH
MUNCH
GNAW
FINISH THAT LATER RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE TO CAPTURE THE BYAKKO...


CAN WE EAT THE BYAKKO?
DO AS YOU PLEASE

THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CAPTURE BYAKKO, EVEN IF HE'S WOUNDED
THEY'LL KEEP HIM AWAY FROM SOKO THOUGH

THE PHONE WAS DISCONNECTED
WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHERE'S KAI—?
ガシャン
ガシャン
!!

THROB
ARGH!
GNASH
ONI!!

BITE
AHHH!
TAXI
IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO GET THERE
SPEECH
I'LL SEE AKIRA.

TAXI
YOU'RE TAKAO'S THUGS?!
I'M SO HAPPY I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM!

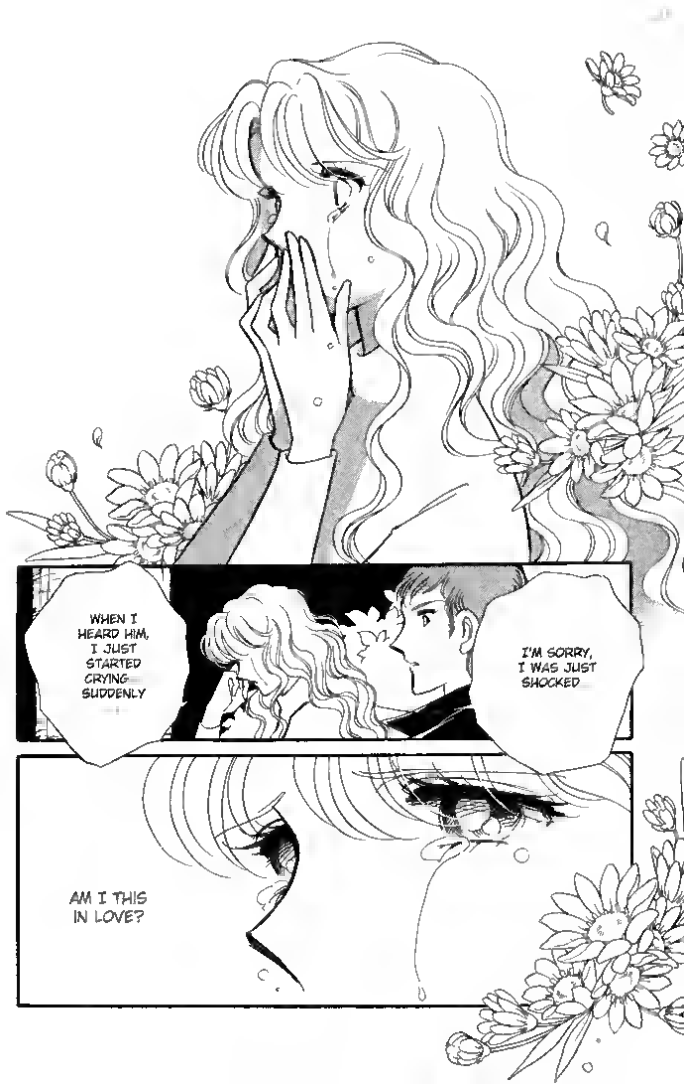
ノロイト
ARGH!

WHAT'S WRONG?
AKIRA'S...
HERE.
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
ARE YOU GOING TO GET IN?
I'M SORRY, YOU CAN GO...
TAXI
HEY, SOKO!
WHAT?
AKIRA'S NEAR HERE!

THUD
SLIDE
DAMN, THESE INJURIES ARE SLOWING ME DOWN
LICK
I KNEW THE BYAKO'S BLOOD WOULD BE SPECIAL
AHH!

AKIRA!
SFX: FLARE
ARGH!

BLUE FLAMES
SOKO, IS THAT YOU?
SOKO!
?
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HIM?
WHERE ARE YOU, SOKO?!


WHEN I HEARD HIM, I JUST STARTED CRYING SUDDENLY
I'M SORRY, I WAS JUST SHOCKED
AM I THIS IN LOVE?

HURRY OR AKIRA'LL LEAVE
RIGHT!
KYUTTE
!!

TAKAO?!
GRAB
GET OVER HERE, SOKO
SO AKIRA WON'T SEE YOU.
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL JUST ABSORB THIS GUY'S ENERGY
KA!

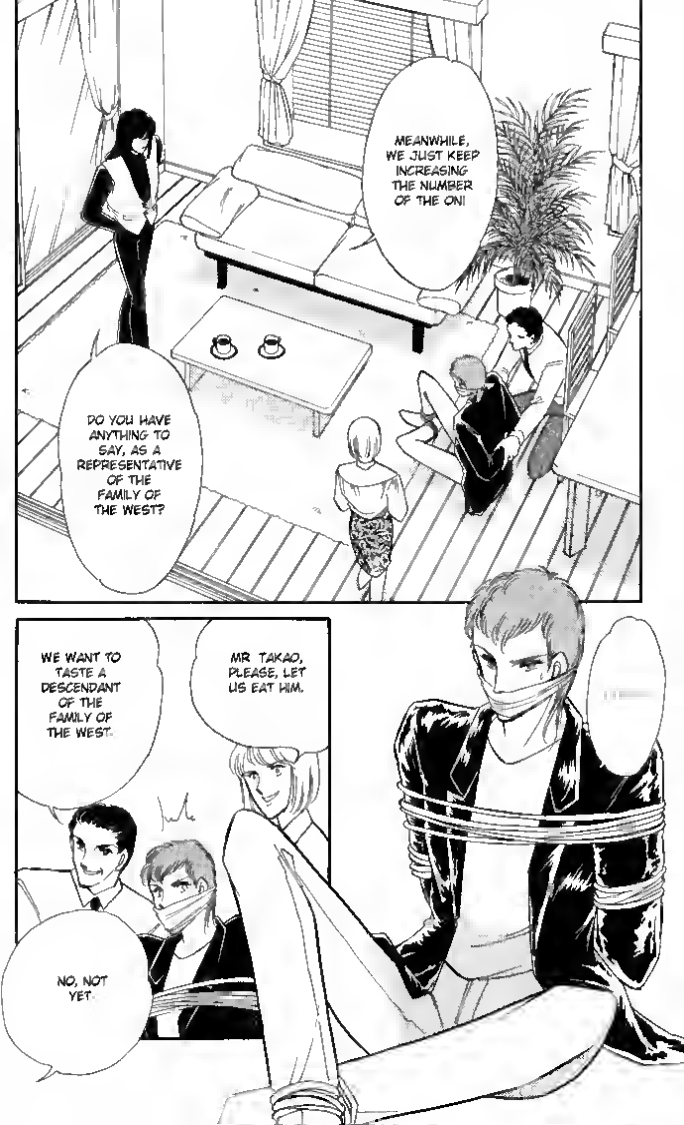
COME HERE...
SOKOI
COME HERE
THE ENERGY OF THE BYAKKO'S BROTHER IS SO TASTY—
I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG I CAN RESIST

はね
SOKO, WHERE ARE YOU?!
.....

I WANT TO SEE THE MAN I LOVE...
THAT'S ALL I WANT...
SO, WHY CAN'T I SEE HIM?!
SOOOO...!

GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING, IT'S A GREAT DAY TODAY...
CHEEEP
CHEEEP
CHIRP

GOOD MORNING
OH GOOD MORNING
HOW SERENE
JUST A NORMAL EVERYDAY MORNING
NOBODY IN THIS BUILDING NOTICED WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT


MEANWHILE, WE JUST KEEP INCREASING THE NUMBER OF THE ONI
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAMILY OF THE WEST?
WE WANT TO TASTE A DESCENDANT OF THE FAMILY OF THE WEST.
MR TAKAO, PLEASE, LET US EAT HIM.
NO, NOT YET.

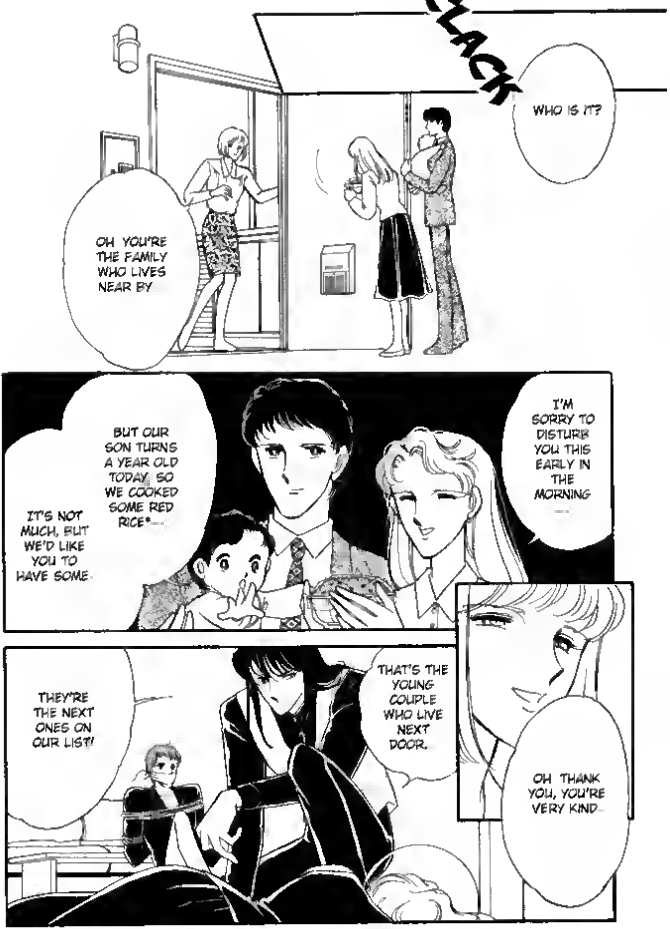
I NEED TO THINK OF A WAY TO USE HIS ENERGY
ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK IT, HE HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BECOME THE BYAKKO, AND HE'S SO VERY POWERFUL...
BUT FORGET ABOUT HIM,
WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DEAL WITH
HOW DO YOU FEEL, SOKO?

YOU SHOULD BE FEELING BETTER.
STOP FIGHTING IT, AND FREE YOUR MIND AND HEART. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.
TAKE AWAY... THE SPHERE...
NO...
AND...
REMEMBER.
SINCE LAST NIGHT...
THEY KEEP COMING AND COMING...
I'M PARALYZED, AND I FEEL LIKE I'M DRUNK
IMAGES KEEP FLASHING IN MY MIND
REMEMBER YOUR TRUE NATURE...

IN ANCIENT TIMES...
STOP IT...!
THE SKY WAS BLUER AND THE MOUNTAINS WERE GREENER.
WE RULED THE WORLD, THE ONI
WE WERE THE STRONGEST CREATURES LIVING ON EARTH...

GRAB
AHHHH!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
YE-AH
CRUNCH
GULP
MUNCH!
MUNCH!

EMPRESS OF ALL THE ONI
I AM SOURYO, CHIEF OF THE KIMON...
NO...
DING DONG


CLACK
WHO IS IT?
OH, YOU'RE THE FAMILY WHO LIVES NEAR BY
I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING
BUT OUR SON TURNS A YEAR OLD TODAY, SO WE COOKED SOME RED RICE*
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT WE'D LIKE YOU TO HAVE SOME
OH, THANK YOU, YOU'RE VERY KIND
THAT'S THE YOUNG COUPLE WHO LIVE NEXT DOOR.
THEY'RE THE NEXT ONES ON OUR LIST!

* Rice cooked with sweet soy beans, made specifically for special occasions

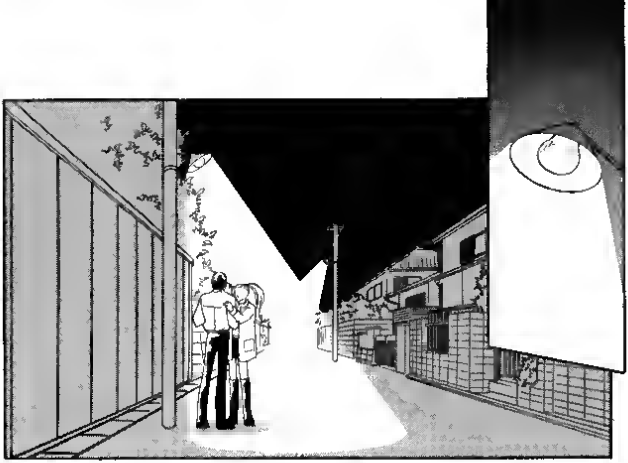
SO OUR LIST MUST INCLUDE AS MANY YOUNG COUPLES AS POSSIBLE
SOON, WE'LL EVEN HAVE BABIES
IF A COUPLE BECOMES ONI, THEIR FUTURE CHILDREN WILL BE BORN AS ONI
NO... I DON'T WANT TO!!
NOW, SOKO
DEVOUR LOTS OF HUMANS AND CREATE BLUE SOULS
ONI BABIES?!

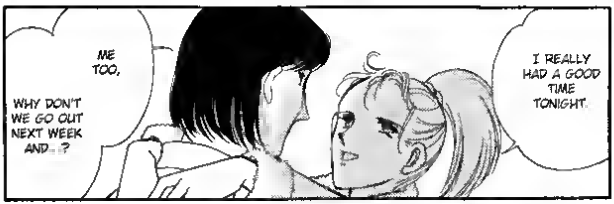
SAIONJI
YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH KAI?!
DOES THAT MEAN THAT KAI'S BEEN DEVOURED TOO?
NO, AND NONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WENT WITH HIM CAME BACK
UNCLE WAIT
WE SHOULD NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT...
I HADN'T TOLD ANYONE TO AVOID PANIC, BUT NOW I THINK IT'S INEVITABLE

AKIRA!
IT'S TOO EARLY TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES WE AREN'T EVEN SURE KAI'S DEAD.
LET ME GO AGAIN.
WITH THOSE WOUNDS
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?
I'LL TAKE SOME MEN WITH ME, AND THEY CAN BE MY ARMS AND LEGS
I SWEAR TO YOU, I'LL GET SOURYO BACK.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'M SO DIZZY...
IT FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN'S MELTING...

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE INSIDE MY BODY...
THAT'S TAKING OVER.
WHAT... AM I DOING?
RISE
?!
SMILE




I REALLY HAD A GOOD TIME TONIGHT.
ME TOO,
WHY DON'T WE GO OUT NEXT WEEK AND...?

WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT?
BLUE FIRE?

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ゴォォォ
AN ONI?!
WHAT...
..AM I DOING?

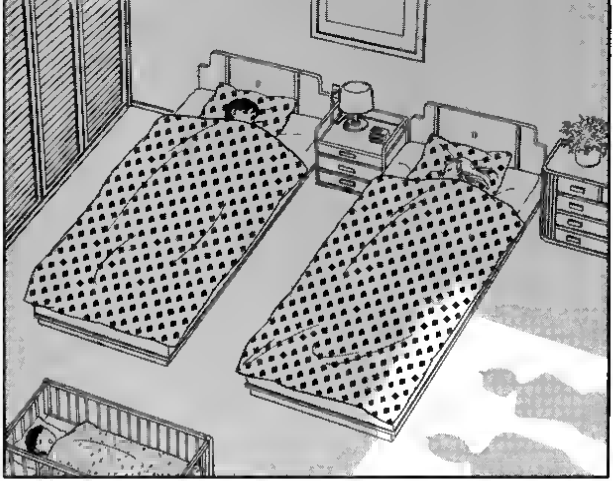
NO.
I KNOW IT'S WRONG, BUT I CAN'T STOP IT...
GRAB
AHHH!
ANOTHER ME IS LAUGHING...
WHOOSH

AHH...
RUSTLE
SLIP

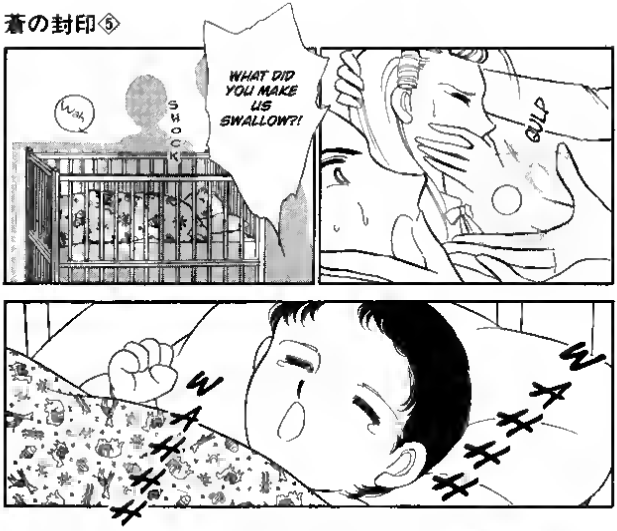
!!
GOOD, SOKO...
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL BLUE SOULS...
I..?

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE INSIDE ME...
YES!
GO AND MAKE OUR SWEET NEIGHBORS EAT THESE...

JOLT
SOKO, LET'S GO HOME
THE SOURYO FREED FROM THE SEAL...
IS INSIDE ME



CLICK
ONI?!
BOLT


WHAT DID YOU MAKE US SWALLOW?!
SHOCK
WAH
GULP
WAAA

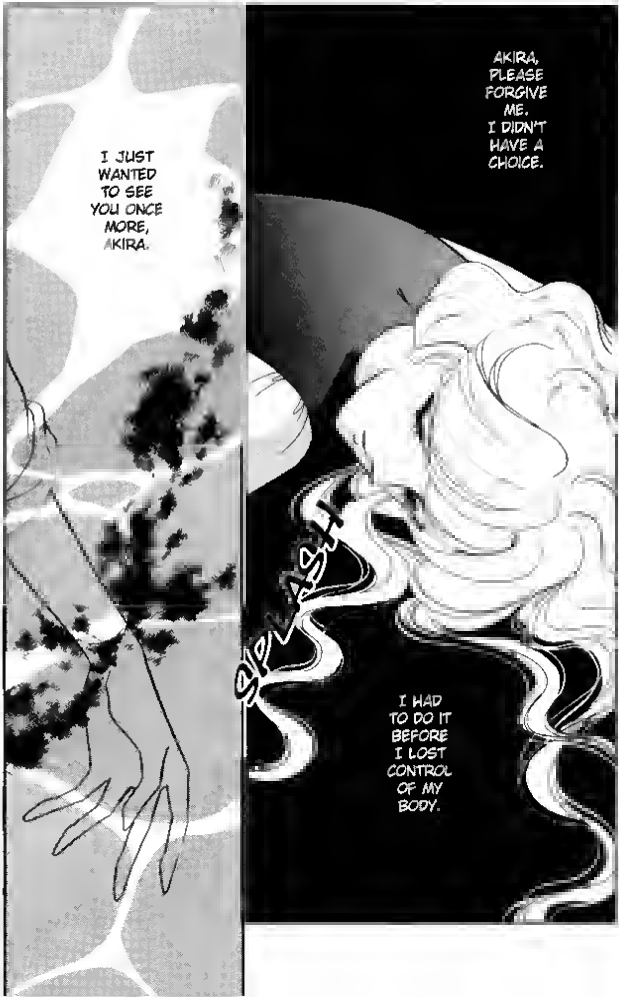
WE MADE THEM SWALLOW THE SPHERES.
SOON THEY'LL BECOME ONI.
GOOD
CLACK
WHAT... WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR SON?
WELL...
THEY'LL EAT HIM
THEY'LL BE HUNGRY WHEN THEY WAKE UP.

WAAAAHH
SILENCE
THERE WE GO...
SOURYO CAN CREATE ONE BLUE SPHERE BY ABSORBING A HUMAN, BUT SHE'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE AT LEAST TWENTY OF THEM BY EATING YOU.
GRUB
IT SEEMS THE BEST WAY TO USE YOU IS TO LET SOURYO EAT YOU
I WANT TO TAKE A BATH.

WHAT?
I SMELL LIKE THE CORPSES
OF THE MEN I ATE, AND IT'S DISGUSTING
THAT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, BUT YOU CAN GO AHEAD...
YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, KAI
MISS SOKO IS TAKING A LONG TIME
YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL GO CHECK ON HER

SOKO...
YOU SHOULD BE DONE
KNOCK
KNOCK
Bath Room
...?
SPLASH
CLACK
I'M COMING IN...
SPLASH!!
SPLASH!!
CREAK
.....

SPLASH
SPLASH
SOKO!


I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE, AKIRA.
AKIRA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.
SPLASH!
I HAD TO DO IT BEFORE I LOST CONTROL OF MY BODY.

SOKO, WAIT FOR ME.
EVEN IF MY UNCLE DOESN'T WANT US TO, AND EVEN IF TAKAO TRIES TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ME, YOU'LL BE MINE.
EXCUSE ME...
MR. AKIRA...
MR. AKIRA...

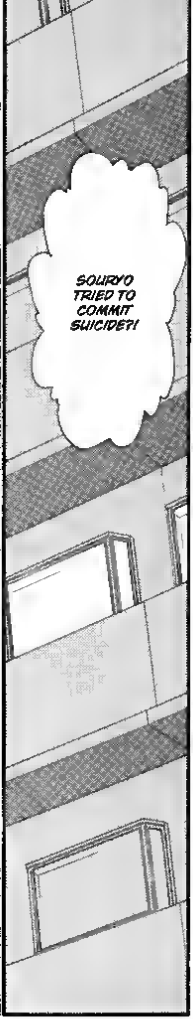
MR AKIRA
OH MASAKI, IT'S YOU...
WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO GET NEAR THE ONI
AND WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, WE CAN'T LET TAKAO KNOW WE'RE HERE
I KNOW
I'LL GO AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND
TAKAO GOT AWAY WITH SOKO, AND I'M NOT GOING TO UNDERESTIMATE HIM
SOKO'S NEW APARTMENT SHOULD BE ON THE 6TH FLOOR
THE B BUILDING.

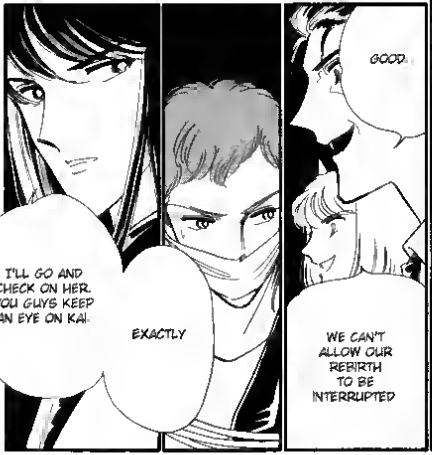
THE AIR FEELS DIFFERENT HERE...
?!
SST
ZING
SSSSST
.....

STAY BACK!
?
MR AKIRA?
THE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED BY A BLACK BARRIER.
IT'S A BARRIER
WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THEM WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT, SO LONG AS WE DON'T CROSS THE BARRIER
THE BARRIER MEANS THAT KAI AND EVERYONE HAS TO BE HERE
TAKAO'S GOT TO BE KEEPING TRACK OF THIS ENTIRE AREA WITH HIS POWER
A BARRIER? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF WE CROSS IT

PUT SOME MEN AROUND THE BUILDING AT ABOUT 300 METERS AWAY
DON'T GO NEAR IT UNTIL I SAY SO.
OKAY. WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I'LL GO AND SEE HOW SOKO IS...

YES...
BUT SHE'S OKAY NOW SHE'S RESTING IN HER ROOM.


SOURYO TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE?!


GOOD.
WE CAN'T ALLOW OUR REBIRTH TO BE INTERRUPTED
EXACTLY
I'LL GO AND CHECK ON HER. YOU GUYS KEEP AN EYE ON KAI.

I DIDN'T DIE
OF COURSE NOT
WHEN YOUR BODY SURVIVED YOUR HEART FREEZING AND YOUR ARM BEING CUT OFF, WHY WHOULD YOU THINK YOU COULD DIE BY SLICING YOUR WRIST?
YOU CAN'T DIE BUT YOU CAN FEEL PAIN
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SUFFER FOR NO REASON, THEN DON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE FOOLISH LIKE THAT

I'M NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO DIE...
IF I CAN'T DIE, WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT? I WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST EATING HUMANS...
AKIRA! HE CAN KILL ME.
GULP
EVEN IF HE LOVES ME, HE HAS TO KILL ME!

!
I'M THE PRIEST OF THE KIMON
YES, BUT DON'T THINK OF ME AS A MAN
DID YOU TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES?!
I NEED TO CHANGE THE BANDAGE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND
FLIP
YOU HAVE TO FORGET THE BYAKKO
WHEN OUR KIMON ARE REBORN, I'LL CHOOSE A MAN FOR YOU.

DON'T JOKE AROUND ...
HE'LL CHOOSE A HUSBAND FOR ME?!
SEE YOU LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD YOU'RE LOW ON ENERGY
FLUMP
BRING KAI IN HERE!
HIS ENERGY WILL BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH
AHHHH
DEVOUR KAI...?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT!!
HERE. MR TAKAO.
DON'T MAKE ME...
!!

THE YOUNG COUPLE
SO THEY REALLY DID...!
MR. TAKAO, WE SAW SOME MEN FROM THE FAMILY OF THE WEST BY BUILDING C.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE BYAKKO IS WITH THEM.
WHAT?
AKIRA'S HERE?!
GOOD. WE CAN PUT AN END TO THIS WHOLE THING WHILE HE'S STILL HURT
TAKE SOKO AND KAI TO THE OTHER ROOM, BUT STAY WITH THEM.

SOKO...
I DOUBT THEY'LL EVEN NEED TO FORCE YOU TO EAT KAI...
EAT HIM AND REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH BEFORE I GET BACK
CLOSE
NO...
DON'T WORRY KAI...
I SWEAR I WON'T KILL YOU...
BUT...
MY THROAT IS BURNING ...

MY THROAT'S BURNING SO BADLY, I NEED IT!
THAT SWEET ENERGY, IT'S SO INTENSE
THAT SWEET SMELL...
!!
THUD
EAT HIM...!
HURRY, MISTRESS!

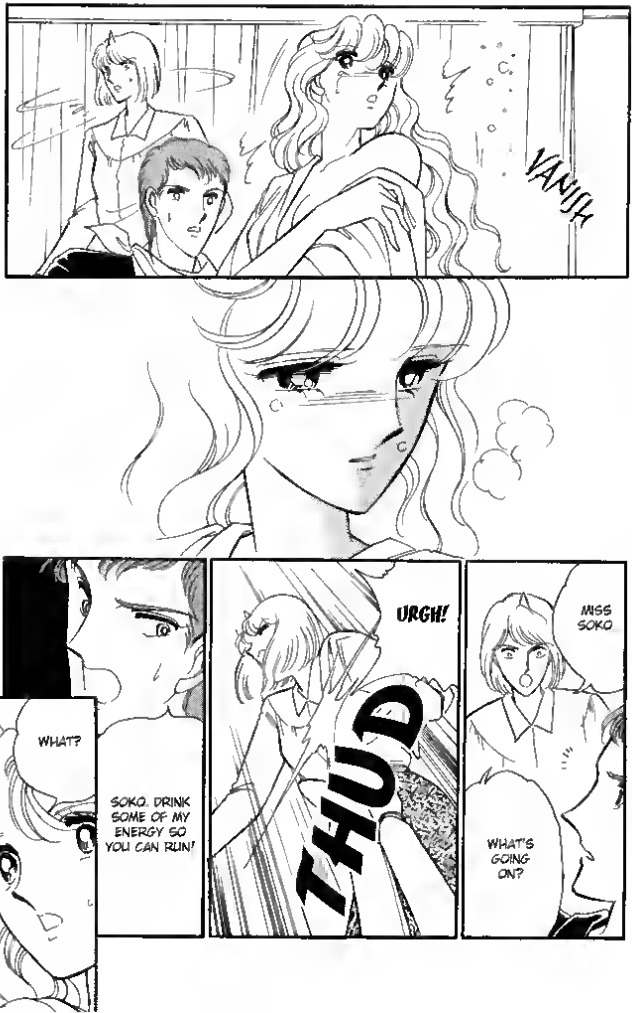
AKIRA, IF YOU'RE HERE,
COME AND KILL ME!
SOKO?
NO...
I DON'T WANT TO

!!
GULP

I GET IT, THIS IS JUST AN ILLUSION OF HIM...
ONLY KAI AND I CAN SEE IT.

AKIRA ...

AKIRA...?! THE BYAKKO'S HERE? WHERE?!


VANISH
MISS SOKO
URGH!
THUD
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOKO. DRINK SOME OF MY ENERGY SO YOU CAN RUN!
WHAT?

PLEASE, FORGIVE ME—
UH—
HURRY!
SUUUCK
UNH...
GRAB
FLAP

IF YOU SLEEP WITH HIM, YOU'LL BECOME A NORMAL HUMAN BEING!
YOU HAVE TO SLEEP WITH AKIRA
REALLY?!
KAI
YOU'VE GOT TO BECOME HUMAN
THAT'S MUCH MORE LIKE YOU THAN THIS

THANKS FOR COMING TO MEET ME RIGHT AWAY
TAKAO OF GENRU
I'M IMPRESSED YOU CAME HERE EVEN WITH THOSE WOUNDS
AKIRA THE BYAKKO

JUMP
I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE THIS TIME!
WOOSH
BUT...
MR. AKIRA!
BLACK FLAMES?!
SFX: FLAME
AH!!
I WONDER HOW MUCH LONGER YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HIDE AND RUN WITH THOSE WOUNDS AND ALL THE BLOOD YOU'VE LOST.

BURST
URG...
THROB
THUD
GRAB
AHH!
LET ME TASTE YOUR ENERGY.

OUR STRONGEST POWER IS STILL PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION!!
SURE, I CAN'T CALL FIRE,
AND THE FAMILY OF THE WEST, ALTHOUGH BELONGS TO THE KIMON, IS OF MIXED BLOOD...
?!
BUT...
GRAB
URGH...!!

AND THAT'S THE POWER TO DEFEAT THE ON!!
ZZZZT
ZZZZT
ZZZZT
ZZZZT
ZZZZT
AAAAAA!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
FUMP
AKIRA ...!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
KAI!
SOKO!

PUSH
YOU DEFEATED TAKAO, AMAZING!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, YOU TWO GET OUT OF HERE
EVEN IF HE'S WOUNDED, GENBU IS TOO STRONG FOR ME TO HOLD HIM FOR LONG
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO STARE AT EACH OTHER HURRY!
RIGHT SOKO, COME ON!

THE BLOOD THAT RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS IS SO DISGUSTING I DON'T BELONG IN HIS ARMS...
I WANTED TO SEE AKIRA AGAIN, BUT I CAN'T LOOK AT HIM...
WE'LL TALK LATER
AKIRA
REMEMBER WHAT I PROMISED YOU? THAT WHEN I WAS SURE I WAS SOURYO, YOU COULD KILL ME
PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME!
AKIRA... NOW YOU CAN KILL ME
I CREATED ONI THAT EAT HUMAN FLESH!

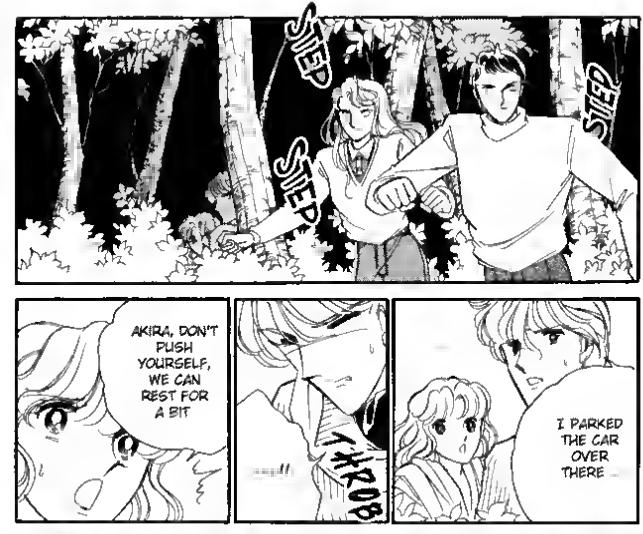
ONI SHOULDN'T EXIST IN THIS WORLD!
YOU NEED TO ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE BYAKKO!
SOKO
YOU WERE RIGHT THE WHOLE TIME
KILL ME!
YEAH... THAT WAS THE PROMISE YOU MADE ME...
SO NOW, I'LL DO WHAT I WANT!
GRAB

AKIRA...!

I'M DOING WHAT I SAID I WAS GOING TO DO. I'LL DO WHAT I WANT.
AND I... WANT YOU, SOKO.

DO YOU REALLY WANT ME?
DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE FAMILY OF THE WEST?
AND YOU...? WILL YOU LEAVE THOSE DEVOTED COMPANIONS OF YOURS BEHIND?
AKIRA?!
URGH...!
HEHE...
QUIT IT!
I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF THEM AS COMPANIONS!

FLAP
AKIRA!!
OH NO!
I FORGOT
EVERY INCH OF MY BODY HURTS.
AKIRA?
SHH!
THIS WAY
AH...!


STEP
STEP
STEP
AKIRA, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, WE CAN REST FOR A BIT
I PARKED THE CAR OVER THERE
...!!
1KROB

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REST FOR A WHILE WITHOUT THE ONI FINDING US
THE MODEL HOUSE SHOULD EVEN HAVE FURNITURE
THEY'RE SELLING THOSE HOUSES SO I'M SURE NOBODY'S LIVING THERE NOW
THIS IS HORRIBLE...
HOW COULD YOU MOVE COVERED IN BANDAGES LIKE THIS?
YOU HAVE TO REST
I COULD SINCE I WAS COMING TO GET YOU...
FUMP
NOW REST!
OW!
I'LL GET SOME WATER.
I wonder if it's working here?

Oh~
Knew it it's off
WHAT?
I NEVER LIVED WITH MY FATHER, JUST MY MOTHER.
SINCE YOU HAVE SO MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I'M SURE YOUR FAMILY MUST'VE BEEN CHEERFUL
WE NEVER LIVED TOGETHER.
A HOUSE, A NICE LIVING ROOM, IT'S THE PICTURE OF A PERFECT FAMILY
WHY?

HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED?
HOW OLD DO YOU THINK KAI IS?
HOW OLD? YOU LOOK ABOUT THE SAME AGE. SO I THOUGHT THERE WAS JUST A YEAR DIFFERENCE
TWO MONTHS. I'M TWO MONTHS OLDER
WE'RE HALF BROTHERS.
THE FIRST BYAKKO'S WIFE COULDN'T HAVE CHILDREN.
SO THE ELDERS CHOSE THREE WOMAN WHO WERE DISTANT RELATIVES OF THE FAMILY OF THE WEST AND OFFERED THEM TO MY FATHER, SO THAT HE COULD HAVE AN HEIR

SOKO?

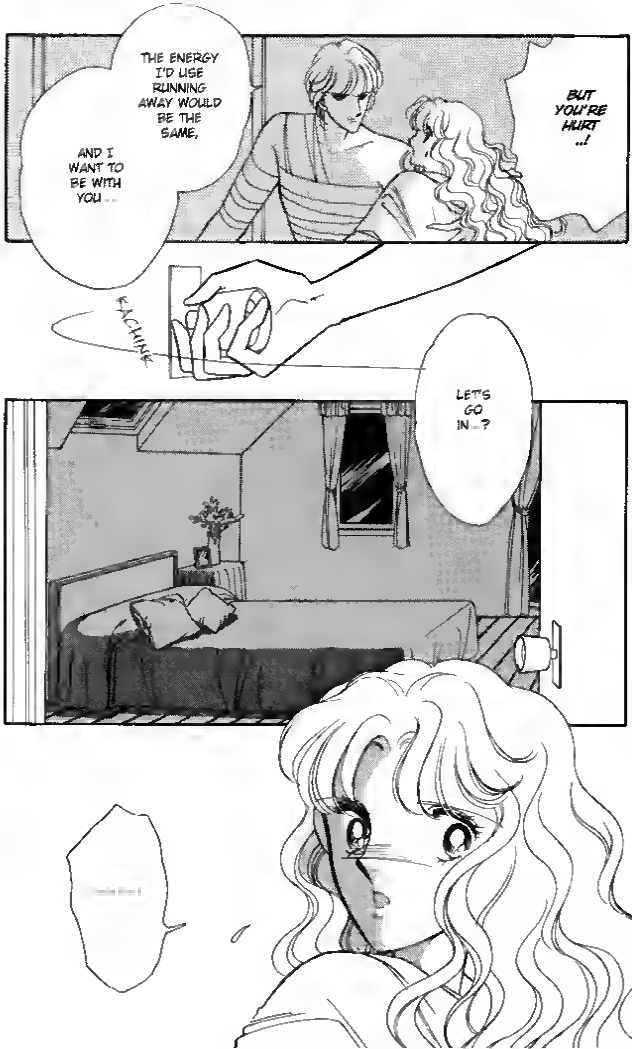
AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU...
I JUST WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU, AKIRA. I DON'T NEED A FANCY HOUSE.

WE WERE ALL RAISED BY OUR MOTHERS, SO I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY MEMORIES...

ONE OF THEM IS RYO AND MAYUMI'S MOTHER,
ANOTHER IS KAI'S MOTHER.
MAYUMI 9 YEARS OLD
AND THE LAST ONE IS MY MOTHER.
RYO 12 YEARS OLD
KAI 10 YEARS OLD
AKIRA 10 YEARS OLD

A SMALL HOUSE WHERE OUR CHILDREN CAN GROW UP HAPPY AND FREE
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU FOREVER
YEAH...

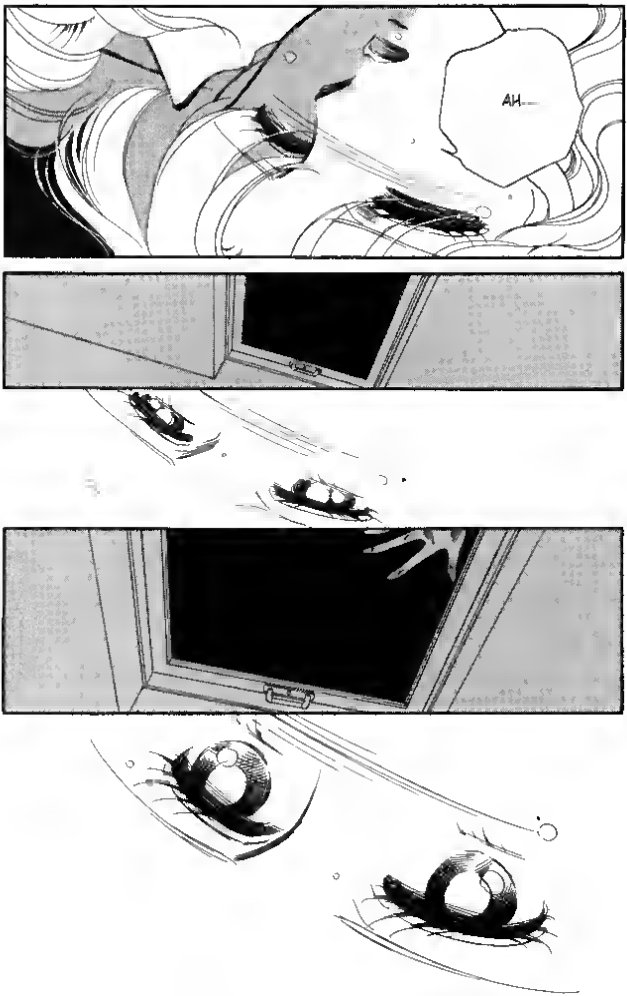
TO THE BEDROOM
!!
DON'T GET UP! YOU'LL GET WORSE!
WHERE'RE YOU GOING?!
AKIRA?
I WANT A TASTE OF THE FUTURE THAT'S AWAITING US
WE'RE LUCKY THERE'S FURNITURE...
IF YOU'RE MINE TONIGHT, TAKAO WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP
TAKAO IS LOOKING FOR US ..


THE ENERGY I'D USE RUNNING AWAY WOULD BE THE SAME,
AND I WANT TO BE WITH YOU...
BUT YOU'RE HURT ..!
KACHINK
LET'S GO IN..?

RUSTLE
BADMP
BADMP
BADMP
AKIRA.
I—
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD FALL IN LOVE SO DEEPLY
YOUR NIGHTMARE IS GOING TO BE OVER SOON

WITHOUT EVEN NOTICING IT...
I ENDED UP LOVING HIM SO MUCH
SOMEHOW
SSST
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG
FALL

AKIRA,
THESE AWFUL DAYS WILL BE OVER...
SOURYO WILL DISAPPEAR IN YOUR ARMS AND A GIRL NAMED SOKO KIRYU WILL BE BORN.


AH...

AHHHH!
CRASH

COULDN'T THEY JUST HOLD OFF FOR AN HOUR?!
THEY FOUND ME! I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK AND STAY WITH THEM!
CRACK
!!
CRASH
SQUEEZE
AHHH!
LET GO OF ME!!

SOKO, LET'S GO!
YOUR WOUNDS ...?!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM! LET'S GET TO THE CAR!
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE AS AN ONI, I WANT TO BE A HUMAN BEING!
LET ME BE WITH AKIRA!

HOT
FLAME
FLAME
I KNEW HE WOULDN'T GIVE UP!
BLACK FIRE... TAKAO!
WE NEED SOURYO
OBVIOUSLY NOT.

TAKAO, PLEASE, LET ME GO WITH AKIRA!
FLASH
AKIRA! THIS TIME I'LL KILL YOU, AND SOKO'LL GIVE UP HER ABSURD HOPES....!
THUD
AH!!
SOKO, GET BACK!
ROOOARRR

HE'LL KILL KIRA... NO....
NO...
FLASH
NOOOOOOOO!

CRACKLE
FLASH
AAARGHH!
THE BLUE FIRE...
PANT
PANT
OVERWHELMED THE BLACK...?!
FUMP
SKREEEE

KAI?!
AKIRA! GET IN THE CAR!
GRAB
DON'T FORGET, YOU'RE RAGO'S CLONE
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BETRAY THE KIMON, I CAN CLONE SOURYO AS MANY TIMES AS I WANT.
TAKAO!

HE CAN CLONE HER ..
AS MANY TIMES AS HE WANTS...?!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO IT!
SOURYO IS THE CHIEF OF THE KIMON, AND SHE HAS TO BE UNIQUE.
YOU SAW YOUR POWER JUST NOW! ACCEPT WHO YOU ARE!

SLAM
SOKO, LET'S GO!
VROOOOM
YOU TWO STILL HAVEN'T DONE IT...?!
AH...
WELL, ACTUALLY
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T HOLD OFF TAKAO
BUT THEN
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU STILL MANAGED FINE!

C'MON, AKIRA! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU NEED?!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A ROMANTIC MOMENT IN AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS!
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT ONCE YOU DO IT, EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLVED?!
C'mon
I KNOW
TAKE ME TO A SAIONJI HOTEL
AND I'LL PUT AN END TO EVERYTHING
NO
IT WON'T END

I'M A CLONE...
I WAS CLONED FROM THE HAIR OF THE ORIGINAL RAGO.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN BECOME A HUMAN BEING, ANOTHER RAGO WILL JUST BE BORN
I...
CAN'T LOSE SOURYO'S POWER. NOT YET

NOT UNTIL WE'VE BURNT RAGO'S HAIR!
I CAN'T BE WITH AKIRA
SOKO...

I CAN'T MAKE LOVE TO AKIRA YET.
I...
UNTIL WE'VE BURNT RAGO'S HAIR?
VROOOOM

THE KIMON'S DESIRE TO RAISE THE ONI EMPIRE ONCE AGAIN WILL NEVER BE EXTINGUISHED
YES
AS LONG AS RAGO'S HAIR STILL EXISTS, ANOTHER CLONE CAN BE MADE...
SO I NEED MY POWER TO STOP THEM!
IT WON'T BE THAT EASY TO CLONE RAGO, WILL IT?

I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...
EVEN IF YOU'RE RIGHT, I HAVE TO TRY AND STOP THEM!
MAYBE THAT'S HOW LONG IT TAKES TO CLONE SOURYO.
THE SOURYO BEFORE YOU APPEARED IN KINASA 1000 YEARS AGO.
SOKO'S RIGHT.
WE HAVE TO WAIT.

WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW SHE WAS CLONED.
SO WE'D BETTER FIND THAT HAIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
I'M SORRY.
WHAT?
THEN WE'LL COME BACK AND LOOK FOR RAGO'S HAIR.
EVEN IF YOU'RE WITH THE WOMAN YOU LOVE, YOU CAN'T TOUCH HER
COULD YOU JUST MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?!
I'M SURE TAKAO KEEPS IT SOMEWHERE SAFE
LET'S GET TO THE NEAREST STORE IN SEITO, WE NEED SOME CLOTHES.

RAGO'S HAIR.

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